

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement on the recent passing of iconic Iowan farm broadcaster Mark Pearson:

"Yesterday all Iowans lost a tremendous advocate for agriculture and rural America," King said. "Today my prayers go out to the Pearson family as they grieve for the loss of their loved one Mark. Whether you listened to Mark on WHO's Big Show, saw him on IPTV's Market to Market, watched him give the Iowa State Fair highlights, or were entertained by him on the speaking circuit, Mark's understanding and respect for agriculture were presented in a way that was uniquely his. No matter if Mark was talking to bankers on Wall Street or farmers on Main Street, he could speak their language and each realized what a great ambassador for Agriculture he was."

"I would like to thank the Pearson family for allowing Mark to share his love of agriculture with people throughout this nation. That pursuit required Mark to spend time away from his family, but their sacrifice allowed Mark to herald the message of agriculture's role to countless individuals across this country. May God be with the family of Mark Pearson and grant them the strength of body and peace of mind as they cope with this great loss to Iowa."